

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 3 to 7" to
--claims 3 or 4--

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 3 to 8" to
--claim 3 or 4--

Claim 10, lines 1 and 2, please change "any one of claims 3 to 9"
to --claim 3 or 4--

Claim 13, line 5, please change "any one of claims 3 to 10" to
--claims 3 or 4--

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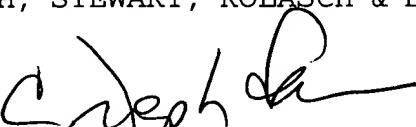
The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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